

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 123 – SB 544**

February 11, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires comprehensive stroke centers and primary stroke centers, and encourages all other hospitals, to report data quarterly consistent with nationally recognized stroke consensus measures on the treatment of individuals with confirmed stroke to the East Tennessee State University (ETSU) College of Public Health.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$40,000\***

Assumptions:

- Public Chapter 1186 of Public Acts 2008 created the Tennessee Stroke Registry Act of 2008 that requires ETSU College of Public Health to maintain a statewide stroke database that compiles information and statistics on stroke care that align with the stroke consensus metrics developed and approved by the American Heart Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Joint Commission.
- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-1903(b), hospitals are encouraged to annually report certain information including the number of emergency medical services (EMS) stroke patients transported and admitted to the hospital to the ETSU College of Public Health.
- There are two local public hospitals that are advanced primary stroke centers and would be required to report. One is located in Blount County and the other one in Madison County.
- It is estimated that an equivalent of one full time employee will be required to meet the reporting requirements in the proposed legislation.
- The total recurring increase in local expenditures for the full time employee is estimated to exceed \$40,000.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents, ETSU College of Public Health can handle any requirements of the proposed legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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